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## WIPP TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AWARDED TO COLORADO COMPANY

CARLSBAD, N.M., March 30 -- Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Waste Isolation Division has completed contract renegotiations for transportation support, agreeing to a one-year \$342,617 pact with a Colorado trucking company.

Colorado Allstate Transportation (CAST) will support transportation activities at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and several locations nationwide. Westinghouse is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office, which operates the WIPP.

The contract contains options for four additional years, making the possible total value of the award \$1.655 million over five years. CAST is considered a small business under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

The WIPP is a research and development facility designed for the safe, permanent disposal of transuranic radioactive waste left from the production of nuclear weapons. Project facilities include excavated rooms 2,150 feet below the earth's surface in an ancient stable salt formation.

CAST was selected from three trucking company finalists to transfer radioactive materials on and between DOE nuclear waste generator sites. The company will also support

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state emergency response training exercises, and the transportation of transurance radioactive waste shipping containers, including the Transportation Package Transporter, Model 2 (TRUPACT-II), for required maintenance. Additionally, support is required for a variety of educational activities and public outreach programs throughout the country.

One dedicated tractor and two drivers will perform approximately 60 dispatches per year. Dispatches will be from the WIPP site, located 26 miles east of Carlsbad, N.M. Subcontractor's equipment and government-furnished trailers will be parked at the WIPP. CAST will provide maintenance.

Westinghouse initially requested proposals for the transportation contract in late August 1994. TAD Trucking of Hobbs, N.M., was awarded the contract in late November 1994. The award, however, was protested by the current transportation contract holder, Dawn Trucking, Inc., of Farmington, N.M. This action resulted in contract cancellation with TAD, requiring Westinghouse to resolicit "Best and Final" offers from Dawn, TAD and CAST. Reevaluation of the proposals resulted in the selection of CAST as the WIPP transportation provider.

The contract, which is effective beginning April 1, calls for a four-month transition period with Dawn.

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